

ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿಧಾನ ಪರಿಷತ್ತು
MYSORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Friday, 5th September 1969.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at Thirty Minutes past Two of the Clock.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN (SRI M. MADIAH) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given)

Vehicles Tax from Mangalore and Udupi Municipalities

13. Sri A. K. SUBBAIAH (Graduates' Constituency).—

Will the Minister for Transport be pleased to state :—

(a) the annual income derived by the Government from the Mangalore and Udupi Municipalities by way of vehicle Taxes ;

(b) out of this the portion of amount that each of the Municipalities will get ;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that a Resolution was passed at the conference of the Presidents of Municipalities of Mysore State held at Hospet recently that the respective Municipalities should derive equitable share from the vehicles Taxes collected by them ;

(d) if so, the decision taken by the Government in this regard ?

SRI MOHAMED ALI (Minister for Transport).—

(a) It is not possible to furnish information about the Motor Vehicles Tax derived from Mangalore and Udupi Municipalities because, the movement of the vehicle is not restricted to these Municipalities and the Registration and road permit are not granted Municipalitywise, but it is Statewise.

(SRI MOHAMED ALI)

(b) In view of the reply to the clause (a) above, it is difficult to assess the share of the concerned Municipalities. However, Municipalities are getting compensation according to section 20 (1) (i) of the Mysore Motor Vehicles Taxation Act.

(c) Yes.

(d) It is under consideration.

Sri A. K. SUBBAIAH.—May I know the full text of the resolution passed by the Municipalities?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—They have demanded a share from the income accruing under the Motor Vehicles Taxation Act.

Sri A. K. SUBBAIAH.—May I know whether the Government feels that there is some merit in the resolution?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—I do not think there is merit so far as the resolution is concerned, they have demanded 50 per cent of the income from the motor vehicles tax.

Sri G. V. ANJANAPPA.—May I know whether the municipalities are entitled to a share in the motor vehicles tax? If so, on what basis it is distributed?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—In 1958 when the Motor Vehicles Tax Act was made applicable, the municipalities were collecting toll tax. Under section 20 (1) of the Motor Vehicles Taxation Act the municipalities are entitled for compensation for loss of toll tax and that compensation is being paid to them.

Sri G. V. ANJANAPPA.—On what basis the compensation was being paid?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—It is based on the income that accrued to the municipalities at the time of enforcement of the Act.

Sri A. K. SUBBAIAH.—May I know the extent of tax collected by the R. T. A. at Mangalore during the last year?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—The question is about the income accrued from motor vehicles tax from Mangalore and Udipi. If a separate question is put, I will be able to answer specifically. I remember possibly it may be of the order of Rs. 70 lakhs from Mangalore District itself.

Sri C. BANDI GOWDA.—The question does not refer to motor vehicles. It is vehicles tax. What is the share of the Government in the vehicles tax collected by the municipalities?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—The municipalities are not entitled to collect any vehicles tax. There is no question of Government's share.

Sri G. V. ANJANAPPA.—Is it not a fact that compensation is not being paid every year to the municipalities?

SRI MOHAMED ALI.—I am not aware whether compensation is not being paid regularly. If it is not regularly paid, I shall see that it is paid with immediate effect.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಎಚ್. ಶಿವಾನಂದಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ಹಿಂದೆ ಮೋಟಾರು ವಾಹನಗಳಮೇಲೆ ಟೋಲ್ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ವಸೂಲು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಹಣಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರತಿಯಾಗಿ, ಎಷ್ಟು ವಾಹನಗಳು ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುತ್ತಿದ್ದುವು, ಎಷ್ಟು ಹಣ ವಸೂಲಾಗುತ್ತಿತ್ತು, ಈಗ ಎಷ್ಟು ವಾಹನಗಳು ಬರುತ್ತವೆ ಎನ್ನುವ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಯಾಂಪರ್ ನರ್ವೆ ಮಾಡಿಸಿ ಅದರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಕಾಂಪೆನ್ಸೇಷನ್ ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆಯೋ ಅಥವಾ ಲಂಪ್ ಸಂ ಕೊಡಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆಯೋ ?

SRI MOHAMED ALI.—It depends upon the provisions of the Act. Under section 20 of the Motor Vehicles Tax Act the municipalities are entitled to the compensation to the extent they incurred loss due to abolition of toll tax.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಎಚ್. ಶಿವಾನಂದಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ನಮ್ಮ ವೆಸ್ಟ್‌ಮಿನ್ಸ್ಟರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅ ಅಧಾರದಮೇಲೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಹನಗಳಿಗೆ ಟೋಲ್ ಹಾಕಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಮೋಟಾರು ವಾಹನಗಳಮೇಲೆ ಏನು ಟೋಲ್ ವಸೂಲು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದರೋ ಅದರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಎಷ್ಟು ವಾಹನಗಳು ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿಯೊಳಗೆ ಬರುತ್ತವೆಯೋ ಅದರ ಮೇಲೆ ರೆಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾಕಿ ಕಾಂಪೆನ್ಸೇಷನ್ ಕೊಡಬೇಕು. ಆ ರೀತಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆಯೇ ?

SRI MOHAMED ALI.—As per the Act we have to compensate the loss to the extent of income accrued to them in 1958.

SRI A. K. SUBBIAH.—If it is difficult to assess the future share of the municipalities, is it possible to give the amount of share allotted to them during the last year ?

SRI MOHAMED ALI.—On account of enforcement of the Motor Vehicles Tax Act, there is a loss of toll tax to the municipalities. According to the Act the loss of toll tax has got to be made good by the Government and it has been sufficiently made clear in section 20 of the Act. If any other suggestion is made by the municipalities then some legislative measure is necessary.

SRI A. K. SUBBIAH.—In view of the fact that the number of vehicles has increased since 1959, is it not desirable to increase the compensation amount to the municipalities ?

SRI MOHAMED ALI.—Indirectly the suggestion means enforcing toll tax in some other form.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಎಚ್. ಶಿವಾನಂದಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ನಗರಸಭೆ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಹಣ ವಿನಿಯೋಗ ಮಾಡುವುದರಿಂದ, ಬೇಕಾದ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯ ಒದಗಿಸುವುದರಿಂದ ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಮತ್ತು ಉಡುಪಿ ಕಡೆ ಬರುವ ವಾಹನಗಳ ರೆಕ್ಕೆದ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಕಂಪೆನ್ಸೇಷನ್ ಹಿಂದಿನ ಬಾಕಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಮುಂದೆ ವಾಹನಗಳ ಒಡಾಟ ರೆಕ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಕೊಡುವ ಹಾಗೆ ಏರ್ಪಾಡು ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

SRI MOHAMED ALI.—The proposal does not appear to be feasible and there is no justification to pay on the basis of the movement of vehicles to the municipalities because the people particularly in rural parts will suffer on account of such an arrangement and it will be very difficult to develop communication facilities in the State.

Sri K. SURYANARAYANA ADIGA.—Is it not a fact that vehicles registered within a particular municipal area may travel throughout the State and damage the roads of all other municipalities and as such it is not a just and equitable proposition to distribute motor vehicles tax on the basis of the places where they are registered.

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—I have already pointed out that in my reply to clause (1) of the question.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಎಚ್. ಶಿವಾನಂದಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ಒಂದು ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ರಜಿಸ್ಟರಾಗಿರುವ ವಾಹನಗಳನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ ಪೇರ್ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಳುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ನಾವು ಕೇಳುವುದು ನಗರ ಸಭೆ ಗಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ವಾಹನಗಳ ಓಡಾಟವನ್ನು ರೆಕ್ಯಹಾಕಿ ಕಾಂಪೆನ್ಸೇಷನ್ ಕೊಡಿ ಎಂದು. ಆ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—It is not in the Act itself. In the Act the Government has to pay compensation to the extent of the loss that has been incurred by the municipalities on account of the enforcement of the Motor Vehicles Taxation Act in the year 1957. On that basis we are paying compensation to the municipalities and the suggestion that is being made by the hon. Member is not feasible, practicable and just.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಎಚ್. ಶಿವಾನಂದಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿಗೆ ಕಾಂಪೆನ್ಸೇಷನ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲ. ನಾನು ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಮೆಂಟರಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ವಿಚಾರ ಗೊತ್ತಿದೆ. ಅದುದರಿಂದ ದಯೆಯಿಟ್ಟು ಆಕ್ಟ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿಗೆ ಮೋಟಾರ್ ವೆಹಿಕಲ್ಸ್ ಆಕ್ಟ್ ಬಂದಮೇರೆ 1959 ರಿಂದ ಮೋಟಾರ್ ವಾಹನಗಳಿಂದ ಬರುವ ಟೋಲ್ ಎಷ್ಟು ನಷ್ಟವಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ನೋಡಿ ಅದನ್ನು ಕಾಂಪೆನ್ಸೇಟ್ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—The loss that has been incurred by the municipalities in the year 1957 will be the basis for the Government to pay the compensation. If the compensation is not paid on that basis to the Davanagere Municipality, I shall see that arrangement is made for immediate payment. I have to look into the whole question as to why it has not been paid and what are the impediments for the payment of the compensation. That is a separate matter which has to be looked into and dealt with expeditiously.

Sri K. SURYANARAYANA ADIGA.—In view of the fact that in commercial towns there is heavy concentration of motor vehicular traffic and roads consequently get damaged there is a demand for a higher share in the motor vehicles taxation. So, to meet this demand and the consequent damage to the roads, will the Government consider giving liberal grants to maintain the roads of these commercial towns at least ?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—These commercial towns have both advantages and disadvantages. If they want to have only advantages, that cannot be accepted. For instance, so far as Bangalore City is concerned, the City services are operated at a loss of 30 lakhs each year.

Sri G. V. ANJANAPPA.—The Hon. Minister was pleased to say that compensation is fixed on the basis of the loss incurred at the time of passing of the Motor Vehicles Taxation Act. After 1958 in some of

the cities and towns the motor vehicular traffic has terribly increased. Will the Government re-consider and pay the compensation on the basis of the vehicular traffic at present?

Sri MOHAMED ALI.—The law is very clear. In view of the provisions of the law there is no question of re-consideration unless it is amended.

Grant of Paisary lands to displaced persons on account of Lakshmanathirtha Scheme

16. Sri A. K. SUBBAIAH (Graduates' Constituency).—

Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is a fact that Paisari lands of Srimangalanadu in Coorg District has been reserved for persons to be displaced by the Lakshmanathirtha Project?

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal before the Government to cancel the said reservation and to grant the same to other applicants as they have dropped the Lakshmanathirtha project now?

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The Lakshmanathirtha Project is not dropped completely. The question of releasing a portion of the land reserved in this connection is under the consideration of the Government.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಕೆ. ಸುಬ್ಬಯ್ಯ.—ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಣ ತೀರ್ಥ ಯೋಜನೆಯನ್ನು ಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ಕೈ ಬಿಡದೆ ಅರ್ಧ ಕೈ ಬಿಟ್ಟಿದ್ದರೆ ಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ಯಾವಾಗ ಕೈ ಬಿಡುತ್ತೀರಿ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ವಿ. ಕೌಜಲಗಿ.—ಈ ವಿಷಯ ಮೊದಲನೆಯದಾಗಿ ಪಿ. ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯು. ಡಿ. ಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ್ದು. ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಬೇಕಾಗುವಂತಹ ಹಣ ಈ ವರ್ಷದ ಬಡ್ಡೆಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರೊವೈಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಲ್ಲ. 4ನೇ ಪಂಚವರ್ಷಿಕ ಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಆದರೂ 5 ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಮಂಜೂರು ಮಾಡ ಬೇಕೆಂದು ಇಂಡಿಯರುಗಳು ಮಾತ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಕೇಳಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದರು. ಅದಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಮುಂಚೆ ಇನ್ನೂ ಕರೆಸ್‌ಪಾಂಡೆನ್ಸ್‌ನಲ್ಲದೆ ಎಂದು ಹಾಗೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಕೆ. ಸುಬ್ಬಯ್ಯ.—ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧದಲ್ಲಿ ನಾಳೆ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಣ ತೀರ್ಥ ಯೋಜನೆಯನ್ನು ಕೈಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಾದರೆ ಅಲ್ಲಿಂದ ಪಡಚ್ಯುತಿಯಾದವರಿಗೆ ಬೇರೆ ಯಾವ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಇದೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ವಿ. ಕೌಜಲಗಿ.—ಜಮಾಯಿಷಿ 8,093 ಎಕರೆ ರಿಸರ್ವ್ ಆಗಿದೆ. 1,517 ಎಕರೆ ಜಮಾನು ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಕು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಗೆ ಬೇಡ ಅಂತ ಅಂದಾಜಿದೆ. ಪಿ. ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯು. ಡಿ. ಅವರಿಗೆ ಕೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯ ಬಂದಂತರ, ಎಷ್ಟು ಇಟ್ಟುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ, ಎಷ್ಟು ಬಿಡಬೇಕೆಂಬುದು ಅವರ ಸಲಹೆಯ ಮೇರೆ ಇದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಕೆ. ಸುಬ್ಬಯ್ಯ.—ಈ ರೀತಿ ಮುಳುಗಡೆಯಾಗುವ ಜಮೀನನ್ನೂ ಕೂಡ ಇತ್ತೀಚೆಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಕೆಲವರಿಗೆ ಮಂಜೂರು ಮಾಡಿರುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ? ಅದನ್ನು ಯಾವಾಗ ಮಂಜೂರು ಮಾಡರಾಯಿತು?

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—I will check up.